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1. REF A ASKS FOR EMBASSY CONCURRENCE IN A PROPOSED NSF GRANT TO DARTMOUTH (DR. GARY JOHNSON) TO STUDY NORTH INDIAN SIWALIKS. REF B DESCRIBES A RESEARCH PROPOSAL BEING DEVELOPED BY DR. TASEER HUSSAIN OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY THROUGH SMITHSONIAN. BOTH SCIENTISTS HAVE REFERRED TO SIMILAR WORK THEY ARE DOING IN PAKISTAN. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM THE MATERIAL WE HAVE AT POST WHETHER BOTH ARE MEMBERS OF THE SAME RESEARCH TEAM OR, IF NOT, TO WHAT EXTENT THEIR SUBJECT MATTER OVERLAPS. BEFORE DECIDING ON THE PROPOSED GRANT TO DARTMOUTH, SUGGEST NSF COMPARE NOTES WITH SMITHSONIAN TO MAKE SURE NO UNDESIRABLE DUPLICATION IS TAKING PLACE.

2. ASSUMING THAT DUPLICATION IS NOT A PROBLEM THE EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE AWARD, PROVIDED THAT ALL APPROPRIATE GOI CLEARANCES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED BY DR. JOHNSON'S INDIAN COLLEAGUES. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO TALK WITH DR. TANDON BUT HIS DEPARTMENT HEAD, DR. VERMA, HAS SAID THAT HE IS EXPECTING DR. JOHNSON'S VISIT.

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